

RE: Heads up - Mariners for Freedom - potential protest

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Merci, the DMs have been informed (I think Robert had already looped them in) and I will inform MinO shortly.

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Good afternoon,

We have been advised that a potential event may take place on Friday February 4th related to the recent trucker vaccine mandate protest that took place. Additional information has been provided below:

Issue

Marine Safety and Security Ontario Region (MSS ONT) was informed on February 1, 2022, via CCG in the GL MSOC, of an upcoming event organized by a Facebook Group claiming to be affiliated with the Canadian commercial fishing industry to show support for the trucker COVID-19 vaccine mandate protest convoy. The event is called Mariners for Freedom and will potentially occur on Friday, February 4th 12:00 EST for an hour. Should this event move forward, it may cause disruption and delay to marine operations at ports across Canada.

Background

On January 29, 2022, a public group was created on Facebook and has since garnered a membership of 3800 members (and growing) and had 119 separate posts over the span of 24 hours.

The groups page describes itself as the commercial fishing industry rallying to support the recent trucker convoy to Ottawa to protest Government mandates regarding the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. There is mention of taking the protest to Canadian shipping lanes if further action is deemed necessary to end the mandates.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/986832882251965>

Associated to the Facebook Group indicated above is an event called "Mariners for Freedom 2022 Slow Roll"

https://www.facebook.com/events/448065080348107?context=%7B%22event_action_history%22%3A%7B%22surface%22%3A%22group%22%7D%7D

There is no specific event location but mariners are encouraged to turn their Automatic Identification System (AIS) on, congregate in front of their home ports and live stream. The leadership for the event appears to be an individual named Derek Collier from Atlantic Canada.

Next Steps

MSS ONT is monitoring this event and has passed the information on to relevant TC MSS groups.

Please advise if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you.

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